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SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE ARRESTS - CONSULAR ACCESS

REF: STATE 127870

1. FYI AT 1850 MAY 20, SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR STEPANOV (DUTY OFFICER) PHONED DEPARTMENT, STATED NY ADVANCE PARTY CONSULAR OFFICER ANTIPOV REPORTED FROM NEWARK THAT CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER HAD BEEN MOVED FROM FBI NEWARK TO ANOTHER BUILDING, AND SAID HIS EMBASSY REQUESTED THAT A SOVIET OFFICIAL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE TWO MEN BEFORE ANY FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE US AUTHORITIES. STEPANOV ALSO REITERATED THE EMBASSY'S EARLIER DEMAND THAT THEY BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED.

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2. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT, IF SOVIET EMBASSY WISHED CONSULAR ACCESS, IT SHOULD MAKE REQUEST BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, BUT AS OF AFTERNOON MAY 21, DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTE REQUESTING ACCESS. (EMBASSY MOSCOW WILL RECALL THAT AFTER LAST FORMAL ARREST OF AMCITS IN USSR -- THREE NARCOTICS TRAFFICERS CAUGHT AT SHEREMETEVO AIRPORT -- MFA USA DIVISION REQUIRED FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING ACCESS

--REF 1976 MOSCOW 10183).

3. CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER ARE NOW AT MANHATTAN DETENTION CENTER. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO ACCORD THE TWO PRISONERS WHATEVER ARE USUAL PRIVILEGES WITH REGARD TO RECEIVING VISITS BY RELATIVES AND ATTORNEYS BUT WE ARE ASKING THAT NO SOVIET OFFICIALS BE PERMITTED TO VISIT THEM WITHOUT DEPARTMENT OF STATE PERMISSION.
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